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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

O'Hagan et al.

Serial No.:

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Title:

MICROPARTICLES WITH ADSORBENT SURFACES, METHODS OF

MAKING SAME, AND USES THEREOF

Art Unit:

1648

Examiner:

Zachariah Lucas

Docket No.: PP01388.202

**VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9306** Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including December 29, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003 in the above matter, please enter the following amendments and remarks: